

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 15th January 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-056

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th January 2025, concerning Grindr crimes.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. The volume of crimes recorded and validated in the last five years which included 'Grindr' in the MO comments. 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25
2. What was the crime type for those recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25*
3. What was the outcome of the crimes recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25*

*If crime type and outcome for five years would go beyond the costs of compliance please carry on with as many years as possible within the cost of compliance starting from 2024/25 backwards.

Our response:

Please note: This data was obtained by completing a summary search for the term "Grindr". The accuracy and reliability of these searches cannot be guaranteed as only the MO / summary field of the report is searched. If this term is mentioned elsewhere (i.e. within the call log, crime report, statements etc) these will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt within the MO / summary field, this will not be returned. To provide accurate results would require manually interrogating each crime within the specified timeframe to establish its relevance to your request.

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Reported Fiscal Year	Offence Description	Detection Status
2019-2020	Robbery - personal	NFA
2021-2022	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Charged
2022-2023	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	Charged
2022-2023	Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	NFA
2022-2023	Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	NFA
2023-2024	Engage in sexual communication with a child	New
2023-2024	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Charged
2024-2025	Engage in sexual communication with a child	New
2024-2025	Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	New

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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